

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :  
Takahiro NISHI et al. :  
Serial No. NEW : **Attn: APPLICATION BRANCH**  
Filed January 6, 2004 : Attorney Docket No. 2003\_1879

IMAGE SIGNAL DATA STRUCTURE, IMAGE  
CODING METHOD, AND IMAGE DECODING  
METHOD

**(Rule 1.53(b) Divisional  
of Serial No. 09/824,207,  
Filed April 3, 2001)**

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED  
TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE  
FEE FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT  
ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975.

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows: